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Communist Propaganda and Party Schools.

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In the United States there are eight party schools, which are divided between New York, Chicago and other cities, and include, altogether, more than 1,000 pupils (hearers). The types of schools are: elementary, upper and summer schools, with an intensive instruction for the period of three, and four weeks, and schools for youth and for the party organisers. The pupils consist principally of party members and male workers.

The method is that of the oral statement on the basis of the questions previously put by the pupils. This method is used, however, only in New York. In the other cities, lectures form the prevailing method. There is no methodical bureau or methodical commission in the agitation-propaganda section. The instruction of the Party School bears an opportunist character. There is a great lack of Communist Party school teachers, so that it is necessary to enlist the aid of persons who are nonpartisan but who are sympathisers with the Party.

There is no central Party school, but it has been decided to establish one in the fall.